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# CITY OF POMONA COUNCIL REPORT

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July 2, 2018

To: Honorable Mayor and Members of the City Council

From: Linda Lowry, City Manager

Submitted by: Benita De Frank, Neighborhood Services Director

**Subject: Adoption of a Resolution Authorizing the Acceptance of \$1,460,000 in Measure H, Coordinated Entry System (CES) for Individuals and Youth Funds for Operation of City of Pomona Year-Round Shelter Crisis Beds Program, Amending the 2018-19 Operating Budget by Appropriating this Award to Fund 139, and Awarding a Contract to Volunteers of America Los Angeles (VOALA) in the amount of \$1,381,787 to Operate the Year-Round Emergency Shelter and Administer the Program.**

## OVERVIEW

**Recommendations** - That the City Council adopt the attached resolution:

1. Authorizing the Acceptance of \$1,460,000 of Coordinated Entry System (CES) for Individuals and Youth Funds for operation of City of Pomona Year-Round Shelter Crisis Beds Program to provide 100 crisis-housing beds at the Year-Round Emergency Shelter ;
2. Amending the 2018-19 Operating Budget by appropriating revenue and expenditures for Project Number 139-1791-xxxx-65403 in the amount of \$1,303,573 and revenue and expenditures for Project Number 139-1702-xxxxx-65403 in the amount of \$156,427;
3. Awarding a one-year contract to Volunteers of America Los Angeles (VOALA) in the amount of \$1,381,787 to operate the Year-Round Emergency Shelter and administer the program;
4. Authorize the City Manager to execute contracts with VOALA and the Los Angeles Homeless Services Authority (LAHSA), subject to approval as to form by the City Attorney.

**Fiscal Impact** - The City of Pomona was awarded \$1,460,000 through Measure H, Coordinated Entry System (CES) for Individuals and Youth Funds on June 19, 2018. Appropriations in the amounts of \$1,303,573 in Project Number 139-1791-xxxxx-65403 and \$156,427 in Project Number 139-1702-xxxxx-65403 will need to be included in the FY 2018-19 City Operating Budget. Of the \$156,427 that will be budgeted to 139-1702-xxxxx-65403, \$78,214 will be awarded to Volunteers of America Los Angeles (VOALA) for grant administration. The balance will be utilized by the City of Pomona for grant administration.

**Previous Council Action** – On September 12, 2016, City Council declared a “shelter crisis” within the City of Pomona with Resolution 2016-138. On November 21, 2016, City Council authorized the Purchase of Real Property located at 1400 East Mission Boulevard for development of a Year-Round Emergency Shelter. On July 17, 2017, Volunteers of America Los Angeles was selected as the operator of the Year-Round Emergency Shelter, located at 1400 E. Mission, for an initial 5-year period and was also approved as a sole source subrecipient of future funds identified to operate the Year-Round Emergency Shelter.

## **EXECUTIVE SUMMARY**

The Los Angeles Homeless Services Authority (LAHSA) has informed the City of Pomona that it has been awarded \$1,460,000 in Coordinated Entry System (CES) for Individuals and Youth funds, from Los Angeles County Measure H funding, with the goal of supporting persons experiencing homelessness. The contract period for this award is July 1, 2018 through June 30, 2018, with annual renewal funding available. The intent of this funding is to provide financial resources for direct operations and administrative costs associated with operating the Year-Round Emergency Shelter, located at 1400 E. Mission. As the agency selected by the Pomona City Council to be the sole source recipient of funding dedicated to operating the Year-Round Emergency Shelter for an initial 5-year period, VOALA will be awarded \$1,381,787 of this funding to administer and operate the City of Pomona Year-Round Shelter Crisis Beds program.

## **DISCUSSION**

On February 9, 2016, the Los Angeles County Board of Supervisors adopted the County’s Homelessness Initiative Strategies to Combat Homelessness. The Homeless Initiative includes six key areas of focus and fifty-one strategies developed to combat homelessness in Los Angeles County. On March 7, 2017, voters in the County of Los Angeles approved Measure H, a countywide quarter-cent sales tax to fund supportive services, housing, outreach, and prevention services for people experiencing homelessness. The Measure H Initiative is expected to generate an estimated \$355 million annually over a ten year period and will fund twenty-one of the approved Homeless Initiative (HI) strategies. Two of the strategies eligible for funding under the HI are “Strategy E1 – Create a Coordinated System” and “Strategy E8 – Enhance the Emergency Shelter System.”

On September 19, 2017, the City of Pomona responded to a Request for Proposals (RFP) released by the Los Angeles Homeless Services Authority (LAHSA), applying to fund 100 crisis beds to be operated in the Year-Round Emergency Shelter being constructed by the City of Pomona. In October 2017, LAHSA awarded contract number 2017CESSAY54 to the City of Pomona to implement a Year-Round Shelter Crisis Beds program. The grant award was for \$848,000 for the period of December 1, 2017 through June 30, 2018. Due to unforeseen circumstances, the completion of the shelter is now anticipated to be in late August, early September, 2018. Because the shelter was not completed prior to June 30, 2018, the City of Pomona unencumbered the \$848,000 in funding, with the assurance by LAHSA that these funds would be utilized towards the extension of the Pomona Winter Shelter Program operations until the Year-Round Emergency Shelter construction is completed. On June 19, 2018, the City of Pomona was notified by LAHSA that it was awarded \$1,460,000, to be used to operate the Year-Round Shelter Crisis Beds program at 1400 E. Mission, beginning on July 1, 2018, with annualized renewals.

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The funds awarded from the LAHSA will be used to provide 100 crisis-housing beds at the Year-Round Emergency Shelter located at 1400 E. Mission and costs associated with operation. These costs include salaries and benefits for monitors and case managers who will provide supervision and client care for housing residents, assessment, case plan development, and ongoing case management; telephone and communications costs, housekeeping supplies, facility maintenance and repair, utilities, food and client meals, and other indirect costs.

The City of Pomona and Volunteers of America Los Angeles (VOALA) have been working collaboratively to implement diverse homeless services (including crisis housing, street outreach, and case management services) for eight years. After a competitive process, on July 17, 2017, the Pomona City Council awarded a contract to VOALA to be the selected site operator of the Year-Round Emergency Shelter for an initial 5-years period. In addition, at that time, the City Council also approved VOALA as a sole source subrecipient of future funds identified to operate the Year-Round Emergency Shelter and its supporting services and programs for the same 5-year period. Therefore, it is recommended that the City Council award VOALA \$1,381,787 to operate the Year-Round Emergency Shelter and administer the program, which, leveraged with other funds, will enable them to provide the necessary services described above to assist the homeless population at the Year-Round Emergency Shelter in the City of Pomona.

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Attachment 1. Resolution